

# Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program

*NPS assistance for community conservation*



The Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program (RTCA) works with community groups and local and state governments to conserve rivers, preserve open space and develop trails and greenways. We provide assistance in the form of brief consultations, longer partnership projects, and technical information you can use to make your project a conservation success.

## Recent Conservation Successes and Partners

- Partners and RTCA improved public access to trails throughout Alaska, using GPS mapping and innovative trail 'armoring' technology.
- RTCA assisted with river corridor planning for recreation and habitat conservation.
- Partners and RTCA rebuilt segments of the Iditarod National Historic Trail between Seward and Girdwood, leading to an exciting new proposal to restore the entire 85-mile trail.
- RTCA has co-sponsored training workshops and conferences that bring river and trail users together with government and landowners.
- Local community councils and trail groups
- Watershed groups
- Local soil and water conservation districts
- Railbelt boroughs
- AK Dept. of Natural Resources, AK Dept. of Fish and Game
- Haines Chamber of Commerce
- Chilkoot Indian Association
- Lynn Canal Conservation
- Girdwood Trails Committee
- Seward-Iditarod Trailblazers
- Municipality of Anchorage
- Chugach National Forest
- 2003 AK Statewide Trails nonprofit meeting
- 2002 AK ATV/Snowmachine Summit
- 2001 River Management Society Conference
- 2001 AK Trails Symposium

*Mark your calendars for the upcoming River Management Society Conference and the State Trails Conference, Oct. 15-18, 2003!*

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## RTCA Summer 2003 News — *What's Inside*

- RTCA's call for FY04 partnership project applications
- Check out our new website:  
<http://www.nps.gov/akso/riversandtrails>
- Trail rehab handbook and video now available
- We're moving!

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## Summer 2003 Alaska Region News



### Request for Partnership Project Applications (Or—We're Looking for a Few Good Partnership Projects!)



- Do you work for local or state government, or are you a member of a local or statewide river or trail group?

- Do you have a river or trail conservation partnership project, team and sponsor "lined-up" that needs just a little more help to launch a project in 2004?

*~ If so, your project may be eligible for extended assistance from RTCA in federal fiscal year 2004 (October 2003). Assistance is provided in the form of staff expertise for 1 to 2 years (direct funding for your project is not available from RTCA).*

- Do you have a project that's just forming and needs help identifying goals, resources, strategies and possible partners?

*~ If so, RTCA may be able to provide information or short-term assistance to help you organize your project.*

Every year RTCA issues a call for projects; **this year applications are due July 1, 2003**. Project eligibility criteria and other details on applying for assistance can be found on our website or by calling Lisa Holzapfel. Projects are evaluated on a competitive basis and selected according to a number of factors, including significance, on-going commitment of partners and availability of RTCA staff.

#### Helpful Hints on Applying

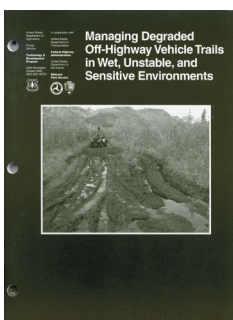
*Due to heavy demand, RTCA Alaska will only be taking on a few new projects in FY04. For more info on applying, check our website or contact Lisa Holzapfel.*

*If you do apply, send it to our old address (2525 Gambell St., Rm. 107, Anchorage, AK 99503-2892), and drop us an email that it's coming.*

### RTCA Alaska Region Launches New Website! Website Provides Links and Information for River & Trail Conservation Success.

We're uploading our technical and 'how-to' information and our project applications to the web, along with a variety of links to other potential partners and resources.

<http://www.nps.gov/akso/riversandtrails>



### Damaged Trail 'Rehab' Handbook and Video Available! (free of charge)

Maybe you've seen or heard about the use of 21<sup>st</sup> century technology for improving or restoring damaged trails and lands. RTCA has gotten together with the USDA Forest Service and U.S. Dept. of Transportation and produced a 50-page handbook on trail routing, design, materials and installation for sustainability. We've also produced a one hour video that includes Jeanie Green's half-hour *Heartbeat Alaska* program on ATV use in rural Alaska and another half-hour program in cooperation with BLM Alaska, demonstrating the installation of new trail materials. For free copies of both, call 257-2584 before June 23 or (907) 644-3432 after June 23.

## We're Moving ☺

We're throwing out lots of old stuff — and want you to toss our "old" phone numbers and address after July 10!

Here's a new card for your Rolodex:



*(Phone and mail effective July 10, 2003)*

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